



Rev. Dave Langer of the Mountain View Congregational Church blessed the home and watched as Janice DeVoe, presented her with a Bible.

Dedication of the Pelham Family's Home

A nice gathering of family and friends witnessed the dedication of Amethyst, Joshua, and Emma's home in Mullan. The group was welcomed by Judy Blalack, PR Chair. After introductions, Janice DeVoe, Amethyst's sponsor emceed the ceremony with our traditional passing of the hammer, and presentation of the key, and Bible.

Amethyst had made a fantastic video using photos from 2003 to the present of the transformation of the home and many of the helpers.



Rick Gilbert and Verne Blalack build footing forms at Sunny Slopes for the Kriedeman home. Sadie supervises.

Photos by Judy



Participants Stride Out in the Rain

Our 13th Annual Walk-A-Thon

By, Lois Boje, SVFCH Board Member

Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing put on their 13th walk despite the rain. Following a blessing by Rev. Phil Squire, the walkers were on their way a little after 9 AM with umbrellas and raingear. This year they walked along the track beside I-90 toward Smelterville. Our thanks go to Marvin and Janet Lake for marking the path and the turnaround point at 1½ miles from the school.

Participants returned to Kellogg Middle School to receive prizes donated by many of our local businesses. We want to thank all volunteers that made the walk successful—also the walkers, sponsors and businesses. Everyone's enthusiasm and happy faces made this a fun time for all. AND, we did earn \$710 in the process. ☺

Those walking were: Joan Blackburn & her two dogs, Helen Blalack, Judy Blalack, Bonnie Cantrell, Debbie Cantrell, Lois Dahlberg, Josephine Davis, Mary Davis, Carrie Garner, Mike Humphrey, Deb Mellon, Darrick Mitchem, Gage Mitchem, Orion Mitchem, Stephanie Otto, Beth & Bob Otto, Dan Scott, Kyle Scott, Sam Scott, and Lois White

Sponsors for those walking were: Bill Lewis, Dorothy Jaggard, Edward Holub, Mary Lou Dubiel, Janice DeVoe, Agnes Beare, Susan Mitchell, Helen Blalack, Penny Michael, Debbie Cantrell, Susan Dahlberg, Keith Dahlberg, Mary Davis, Josephine Davis, Neil Garner, Daniel Garner, Ro Ann Humphrey, Chris Meyer, Dodie, Isaac, Deb Mellon, Marge B., Mary Ann, Gwen, Grandpa Keith, Mom & Dad Otto, Stephanie Otto, Anonymous, Sam Scott, Kyle Scott, John Hull, Hank Jefferson, Gary Stanley, Chad Jefferson, Aaron Arthur, Sharon Connors, Fred & Karen Scott, Debbie Cantrell, LeRoy Scott, Jerry White, Julie Gardner, Marc White, Ed White, Eugene White, John White, Dan White, Barbara Miller, Mary Jo White, and Lois White.

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And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Revelation 2:23

Dedication



Since Darnell Kriedeman, the next homeowner, had to work, Amethyst presented Construction Supervisor, Verne, a symbolic hammer to pass along. Amethyst's mom, Donna Stone, made the

hammer and personalized with Darnell's name on it.



Silver Valley Stitchers, Charlene McKinnon and Jean Ridout, present a "welcome" cross stitched sampler to the Pelham family. The Stitchers have made one for each of our homes. Beth Milot of Beth's Framing Shop & Gallery has framed them all.

Photos by Judy



Jill Jackson brought a basket full of supplies from the Osburn Baptist Church for the new home.

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Walk Registration Volunteers were: seated - Marilyn White, Penny Michael, and Tina Scott; standing - Bonnie Cantrell and Debbie Cantrell.



Bob Otto leads out as Stephanie & Beth Otto share a large umbrella along the trail.

Our thanks go to these businesses who contributed "door" prizes for the event: Building Maintenance & Supply, The Health Nut, McDonald's of Kellogg, Linda Miller @ Salon 107, A Hint of Whimsy, The Klock Tower Mall, S V Car Wash, The Smoke House, The Sports Cellar, Bitterroot Mercantile, EJ's Ready to Bake Pizza, Best Little Hair House, Oasis Bordello Museum, Pizza Factory, Brooks Hotel, Cattails Antiques, Desperate Diva, D & G Bakery, A Taste of Aloha, Silver Mountain Resort, Panhandle State Bank, and SV Appliance & Mercantile

We did have some gifts left over & will use them in our Christmas raffle at the SV Arts & Craft Fair in November.

HELP!

A GROUP OF ABOUT 30 BICYCLISTS SPONSORED by the Fuller Center for Housing International are scheduled to arrive here June 17, 2011. They plan to help build Saturday, June 18, & spend Sunday with us as well. Since they will not be packing tents, can you help with their housing? I think we can sleep 6 at our place. Please call Judy at 682-3240 to volunteer lodging.



During their Community Star Award presentation, Panhandle State Bank employees pose with Jerry White, who nominated the Blalacks. From left, Kim Bush, Rhonda Seagraves, Shirley McClain, Jerry White, Judy & Verne Blalack, and Bank Manager, Cheryl Morgan.

Photo by Dawn Blalack

Thank You, Thank You

We would like to thank Jerry White for the nomination and the employees of the Panhandle State Bank for honoring us with their Community Star Award.

Not only did we receive a \$1000 donation to the non-profit organization of our choice—SV Fuller Center for Housing—but they also presented us with a lovely inscribed star emblem and a check for “dinner.”

In addition to this honor, we were astonished to see our daughter, Dawn, arrive with her driving partner, Kelly, all the way from Pendleton, OR. They stayed for the ceremony & food and then immediately drove back so Dawn could be to work at 8 AM. Thanks also, Dawn, for the lovely flowers.

Sincerely,

Verne & Judy Blalack

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE

On the news last night a newscaster said that two out of three available jobs now require a college degree. Frequently, people with college degrees are more competitive in the job market than most others. Even those who graduate without specific marketable skills have great advantages. An employer knows they have written, oral, and computer skills, and have proven that they are learners.

Of even more importance to many employers is the answer given to the Sunday papers’ question, “What quality do you most admire in people? That answer usually is “honesty”, i.e., honor, integrity, truthfulness, freedom from fraud, etc. Can the employer trust the worker to be to work on time, prepared to go to work and do a good job, to be pleasant with the customers and other workers . . .? An employer needs honest feedback from his workers about many aspects of the work environment. Workers need to realize the employer can only afford to hire workers who make money for him. The more money you make for your employer the more valuable you are to him. Are you a self starter? Do you figure out in advance what needs to be done and how best to do it? If you do, you’re a great asset— not just one of the many who wait around for instructions.

Like it or not, today’s market place is the world, and the world is changing fast. Most jobs aren’t lifetime jobs. Regardless of your income, if you pay less for shelter, you can afford to work for less if you have to. That gives you the competitive edge when many people are looking for work. Furthermore, if your housing costs are less, your financial needs are less. That means you have more money left over for discretionary spending. That money, if wisely saved and wisely invested, gives you an additional competitive edge. It means that you will be able to take advantage of economic opportunities when they arrive: such as helping you and your kids get setup in good vocations. **The Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing can help you get your competitive edge if you are willing to put in six hours a week for a year or two working for your affordable Fuller Center Home.** Call Marilyn White at 753-4131 for more information and an application.

Another edge would be to learn new skills while volunteering with us.

See You At the Work Site (on time!)

Verne Blalack

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Penny Welsh stands on a ladder at right to help Verne repair the roof of the shed built by Jim Shadle. We use the shed to store windows.

Photo by Judy

Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

- ❖ I'd like to join the "300 Club" and pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.
- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ _____ per month for one year.
- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ _____.
- ❖ I have a house and/or land to donate.
- ❖ I can make a no-interest loan for \$ _____. Please call about working out the details.
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Coming Events

- Oct 12—Partnership/Construction/PR/\$ Committee meetings, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- Oct 12—Board, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- Nov 6 & 7—Silver Valley Arts & Crafts Fall Fair, 10 AM-5 PM, Silver Hills School, Osburn, ID



Bob Larson constructs a "Greater Blessings" handicap ramp in Osburn.

Photo by Judy



Verne helps Jerry Brantz unload some cabinets that Jerry & Trecia donated.

Photo by Judy

☹ We are disappointed that the 30 U of I students were unable to come Sept. 25. We hoped they could build the foundation forms for home # 18 and also repair the shed in the photo at left. We do hope they can reschedule later. We would like to thank the Osburn Christian Center and the Church of the Nazarene for offering to provide lunch.



Grant Writer, Christina Derbyshire, (& Lucille) accept a \$2000 check from Haley Gosline, US Bank-Pinehurst Manager & SVFCH Board Member. Also present were Kerrie Jeralud, US Bank-Kellogg Manager, Judy Blalack, SCFCH PR/Fundraising Chair; and Vicky Busby, US Bank-Kellogg, Universal Banker

Photo by Nicole Nolan



At the dedication, Construction Supervisor, Verne Blalack, presents the Pelham family a key to their home

Photo by Judy



Darnell Kriedeman, Bob Larson, Verne Blalack, Chris Leetch, Jim Taylor and his anonymous sidekick, pour and finish the footings for Darnell's future home with the help of Leroy, the pump truck driver.

Photo by Judy

© Both Jim Taylor of Taylor Made Construction and Rick Gilbert of R&R Construction have given us excellent help over the years, and we *highly* recommend them. ☺



Wish List

Grant Writer—Christina has enrolled in college, ergo no free time.

Construction Volunteers—This “little old lady” (me) helped Verne one day when there was no one else.

Donated use of a building where we could establish our own Re-store in the Valley.

Newsletter deliverers in Kellogg to take those we leave in cafes & waiting rooms.

Applicants for the next home—call Marilyn White at 753-4131.

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